

## Harpswell Energy Task Force Committee

December 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes - Approved January 11, 2010

Chairman David I. Chipman called the meeting to order at 4:10pm at the Harpswell Town Office. Committee members Debora Levensailor and John Monaghan, Jr. were also present, and Robert Bartley and Trudi Riesenbergs were absent.

**November 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes** - On a Monaghan/Chipman motion, the committee unanimously voted to accept the November 16, 2009 minutes as presented.

John said there has been no word yet on the status of the grant application. Deb presented a "Coastal Journal" news article to the committee concerning a wind industry seminar scheduled for January 12 - 14, 2010 in Portland. The committee reviewed the article and talked again about citing a wind turbine in Harpswell.

Dave said he has identified approximately forty street lights in town which he thinks are unnecessary and he will bring a list of them to the next meeting. He distributed information to the committee which Town Planner Carol Tukey had given him from the American Planning Association energy policy guidebook. John spoke about development guidelines highlighted in the "New Construction and Major Renovation LEED Reference Guide" regarding light pollution and the importance of preventing it from intruding onto neighboring properties. He recommended logging onto the following Web sites: [www.iesna.org](http://www.iesna.org) (Illuminating Engineering Society of North America) and <http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/cfa/ps/nelpag.html> (New England Light Pollution Advisory).

Committee members proposed the following items for consideration when determining whether or not a street light should be shut off in town: pedestrian safety (Deb), proper lighting at intersections, public buildings, and places where accidents have occurred (Dave), adequate lighting to insure safety at curves and areas where several driveways converge (Deb), the manner in which present lighting is useful to fire and rescue department personnel (Deb - referring to her conversation with Harpswell Neck Fire Chief Dave Mercier during which he said no lights should be turned off in Harpswell because fire and rescue personnel need them in order to quickly locate and help victims), potential cost savings for the town (John, Deb, Dave), the best types of lights to use (John), and ways to incorporate criteria into the Basic Land Use and Subdivision Ordinances (Deb, Dave). The committee plans to continue the discussion and present final recommendations to the Selectmen.

**NEXT MEETING** - January 11, 2010 at 4p.m. at the Harpswell Town Office.

On a Levensailor/Monaghan motion, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn. Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora A. Levensailor, Vice-Chairwoman, HETFC